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Sent: 1/21/2021 7:41:53 PM
To: Moraff, Kenneth [Moraff.Ken@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Biden Administration day one actions re: environment and regulatory efforts

Ken,

As you know, I've been here for a few trips around the block. I was excited for the promise of Bill Clinton and for what the election of Barack Obama meant, but after the past 4 years, to steal a Reagan quote, it's morning in America again. How could anyone who saw Amanda Gordon's poem not be inspired? It will feel good to know that EPA has put back on the white hats.

Hope you and yours are staying safe and healthy.

Phil

From: Moraff, Kenneth <Moraff.Ken@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 2:34 PM
To: Colarusso, Phil <colarusso.phil@epa.gov>
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It is all good!

Hope all's well with you.

Ken

From: Colarusso, Phil <colarusso.phil@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 2:30 PM
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Subject: RE: Biden Administration day one actions re: environment and regulatory efforts

Flood away Ken, it's all good.

From: Moraff, Kenneth <Moraff.Ken@epa.gov>
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Subject: FW: Biden Administration day one actions re: environment and regulatory efforts

I'll try not to flood your inboxes, but there's a lot of transition-related news that may be of general interest. Feel free to delete if not relevant. Thanks.

Ken

From: Spraul, Greg <Spraul.Greg@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 9:26 AM
Subject: Biden Administration day one actions re: environment and regulatory efforts

Dear colleagues,

I thought I would pass along the E.O.s and the memos that I've seen so far that will impact OW's policy and reg work. This list is not exhaustive. Feel free to forward to others in your organization.

1. List of agency actions to be reviewed (includes NWPR (aka WOTUS), 401, LCR, Perchlorate, Corps nationwide permit, MD's Chesapeake Bay WIP, Bay Delta decisions)
2. Memo on Modernizing Regulatory Review – calls for the OMB director to produce.. “a set of recommendations for improving and modernizing regulatory review. These recommendations should provide concrete suggestions on how the regulatory review process can promote public health and safety, economic growth, social welfare, racial justice, environmental stewardship, human dignity, equity, and the interests of future generations. The recommendations should also include proposals that would ensure that regulatory review serves as a tool to affirmatively promote regulations that advance these values. These recommendations should be informed by public engagement with relevant stakeholders.”
3. Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis. See Section 7 that revokes several Trump E.O.s on WOTUS and infrastructure.
4. Executive Order on Revocation of Certain Executive Orders Concerning Federal Regulation. Includes revoking the Trump E.O. on guidance documents.
5. Executive Order On Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government. Requires agencies to perform “equity” reviews.
6. Memo: Regulatory Freeze Pending Review. The typical memo freezing anything that has not published in the FR and examining recently published regs in the FR.

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